

The specimen is of the usual pale form which I associate with specimens of continental origin.

It has been a poor year for lepidoptera and migrants in general have been noteworthy by their absence. In spite of regular trapping I have had only one *Plusia gamma* L. so far this year—on June 25th!—DR NEVILLE L. BIRKETT, Kendal Wood, New Hutton, nr. Kendal. 28.viii.1972.

THE FOOD PLANT OF *AGRODIAETUS COELESTINA* EVERSMAHN—In early June 1972 I visited the Peloponnese, Southern Greece in order to try to obtain a small number of *A. coelestina*, which was only recently discovered as a new Western European butterfly (*Ent. Record*, **84**: 29-32). The butterfly was found to be closely associated with a certain species of vetch, and eventually two females were observed ovipositing on the stems of the plant. The plant was subsequently taken to the Goulandris Botanical Museum, near Athens, and was identified as *Vicia dalmatica* Kerner.—JOHN G. COUTSIS, Athens, Greece. 26.viii.1972.

SIFOLINA LAURAE EMERY (HYM. FORMICIDAE) IN S. HANTS.—A new county record was made for this rare, workerless parasitic species in South Hampshire, at Avon Common near Hurn, on 25th August 1971. This record is interesting in that it is the second only for Great Britain. The first record was from near Wareham, Dorset, in 1965, and was made by Dr M. V. Brian of Furzebrook, who informed us that the nest has since been overrun by *Lasius niger* L., and that the Hampshire nest now represents the species in this country. Dr Yarrow informs us that there are now no inhabited sites known on the continent, but that present research by Kutter may show a synonymy with two other continental species.

Two females were taken from the nest which was also occupied by *Leptothorax acervorum* Fab., and *Myrmica scabrinodis* Nyl., the latter also being present as host species in the original nest. One of the specimens is now in the British Museum collection.

Thanks are due to Dr M. V. Brian who positively identified the specimens, and to Dr I. I. H. Yarrow of the British Museum (Natural History).—P. J. ATTEWELL and S. D. MACKAY. 3.ix.1972.

## Current Literature

**How to begin the study of Entomology** by Anthony Wooton, 15p; British Naturalists' Association, 18p post paid.

The author of this little pamphlet has set out his subject in a way to appeal to intelligent would-be entomologists in the first place, and even to more advanced entomologists as a quick means of reference to other orders than those with which they are familiar. He achieves this by setting out with the idea that his readers are intelligent people. This is a pleasant deviation